

# 20.109 MOD1

## Measuring Genomic Instability

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Day 3

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Previous lecture -

Cancer is caused by acquired traits; mutations make new traits possible

Overview of the steps of BER

Chemistry of nucleotide addition (on the blackboard & in handout)

Story of water contamination and arsenic

How PARP helps BER

A careful look at the major steps of BER

$\gamma$ H2AX as a Marker of DNA Damage

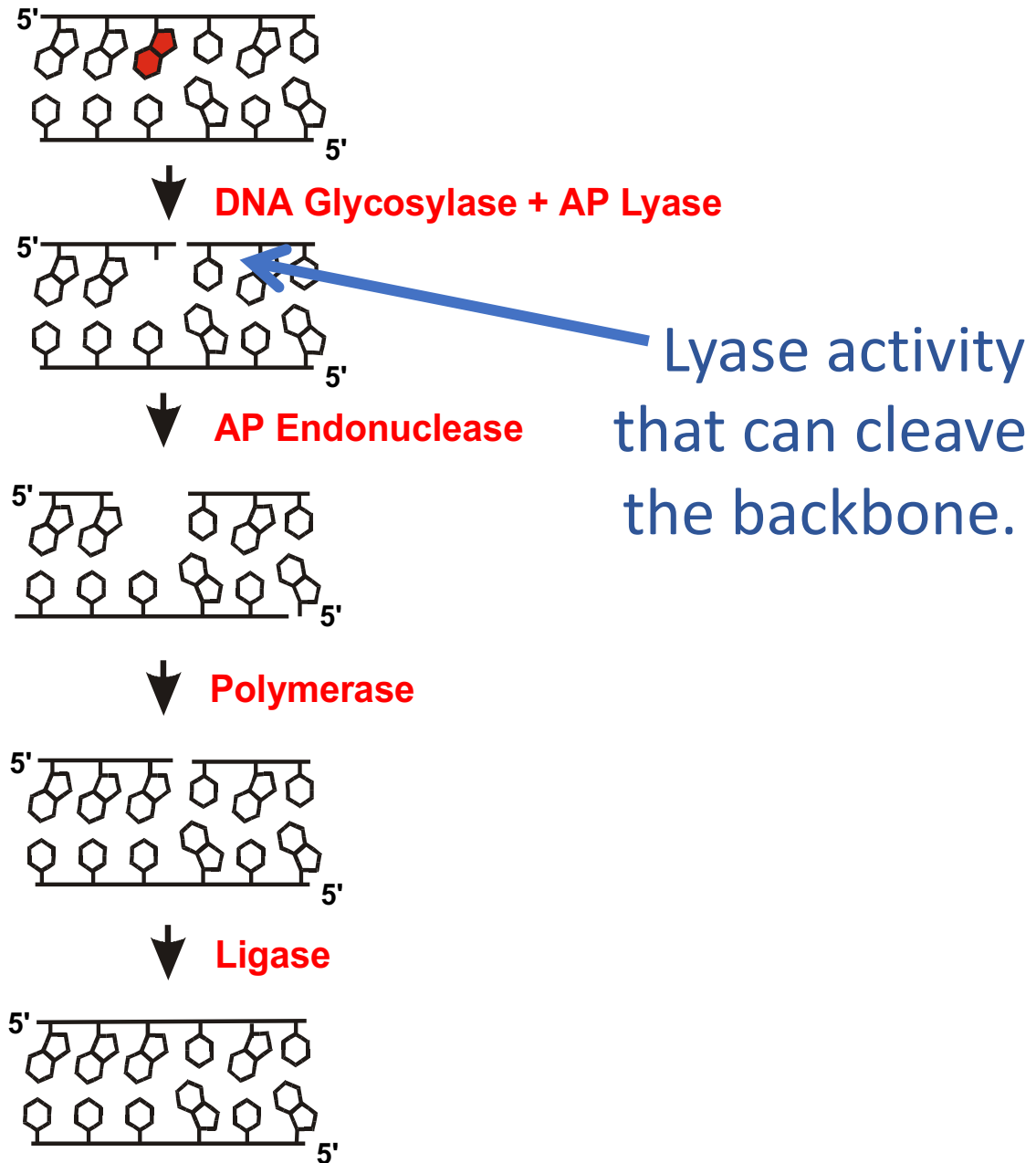
Interlude

# Base Excision Repair (BER)

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8-oxoguanine  
DNA Glycosylase  
(OGG1)

Removes the damaged  
base by cleaving the  
glycosylic bond.

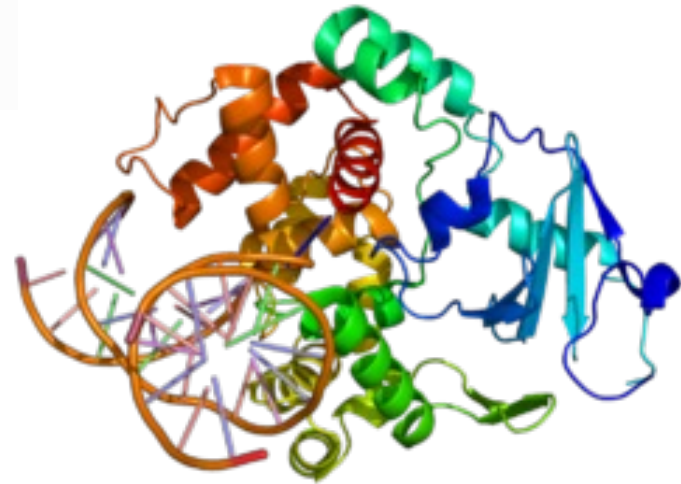
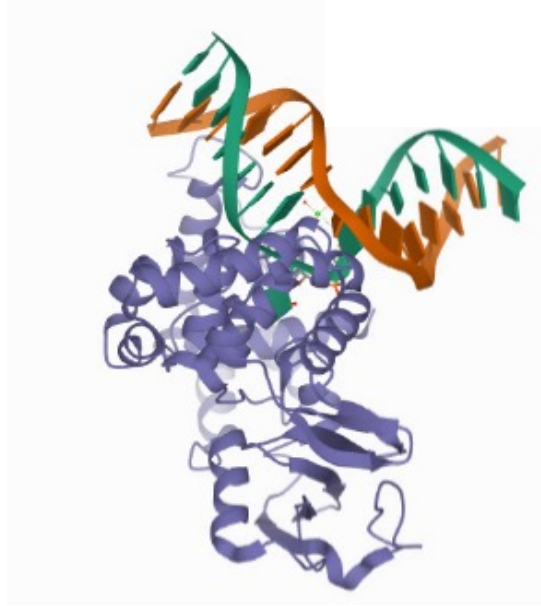


# 8-oxoguanine DNA Glycosylase (Ogg1)

Removes the  
damaged base.

Cleaves the  
backbone

Leaves behind an  
abasic site with a  
a nick.



# Mutations in OGG1 are Associated with Increased Risk of Breast Cancer



In some cases, the risk is > 15X Higher





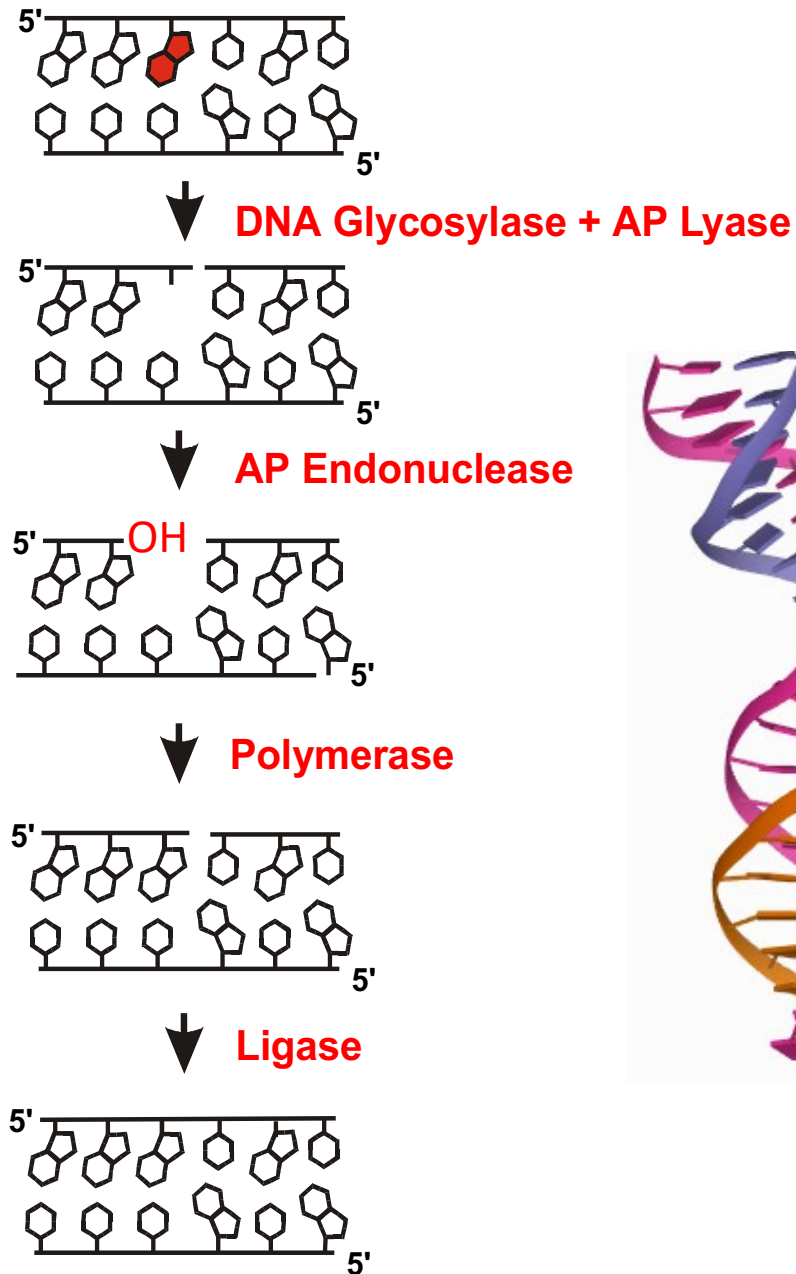
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AP

Endonuclease

“Cleans the end”  
(removes the  
abasic sugar)

Creates a 3'OH  
that can be  
extended.

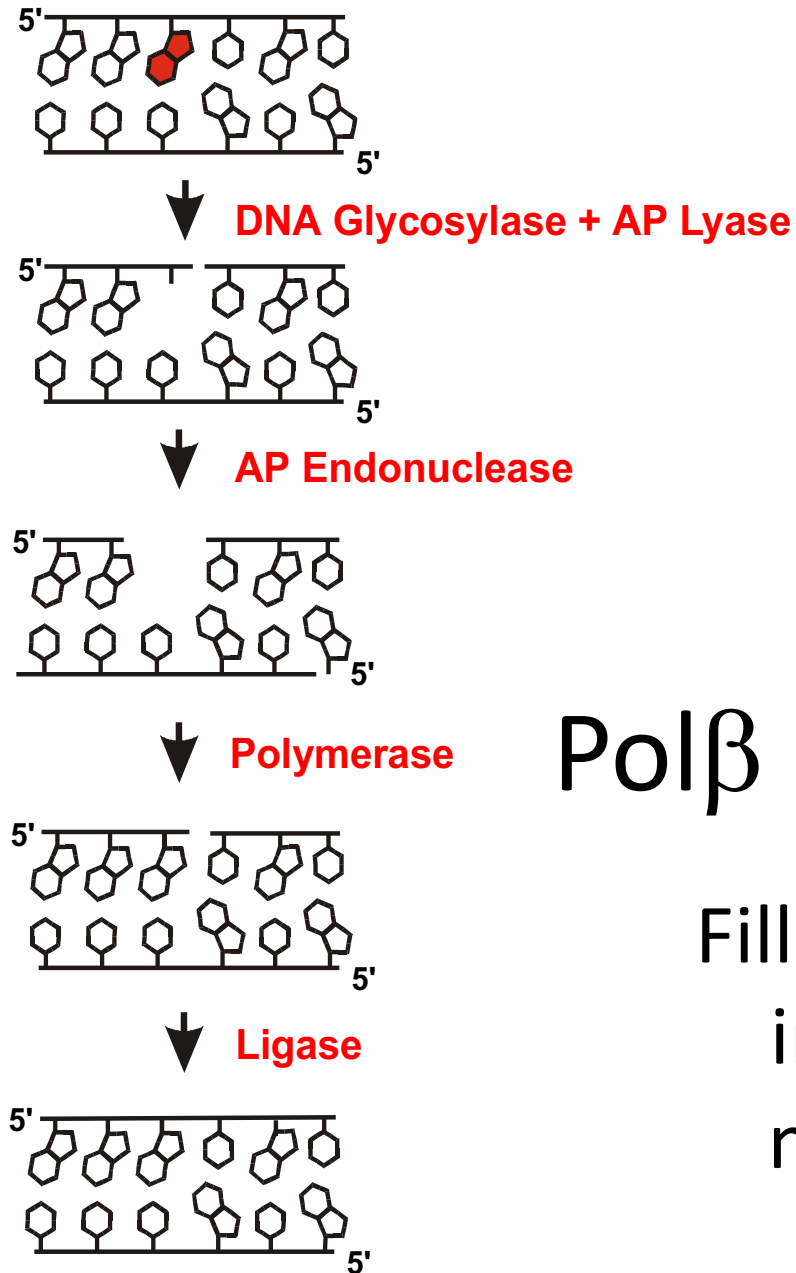




# Single Nucleotide Addition by Pol $\beta$

# Base Excision Repair

DNA  
Polymerase  
Beta



Polβ

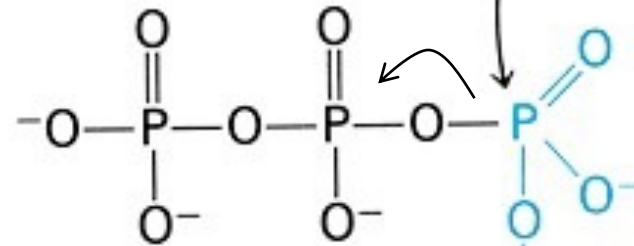
Fills the gap by  
inserting a  
nucleotide

3' End

Primer strand

Base .....

B: →



Base ...

Template strand

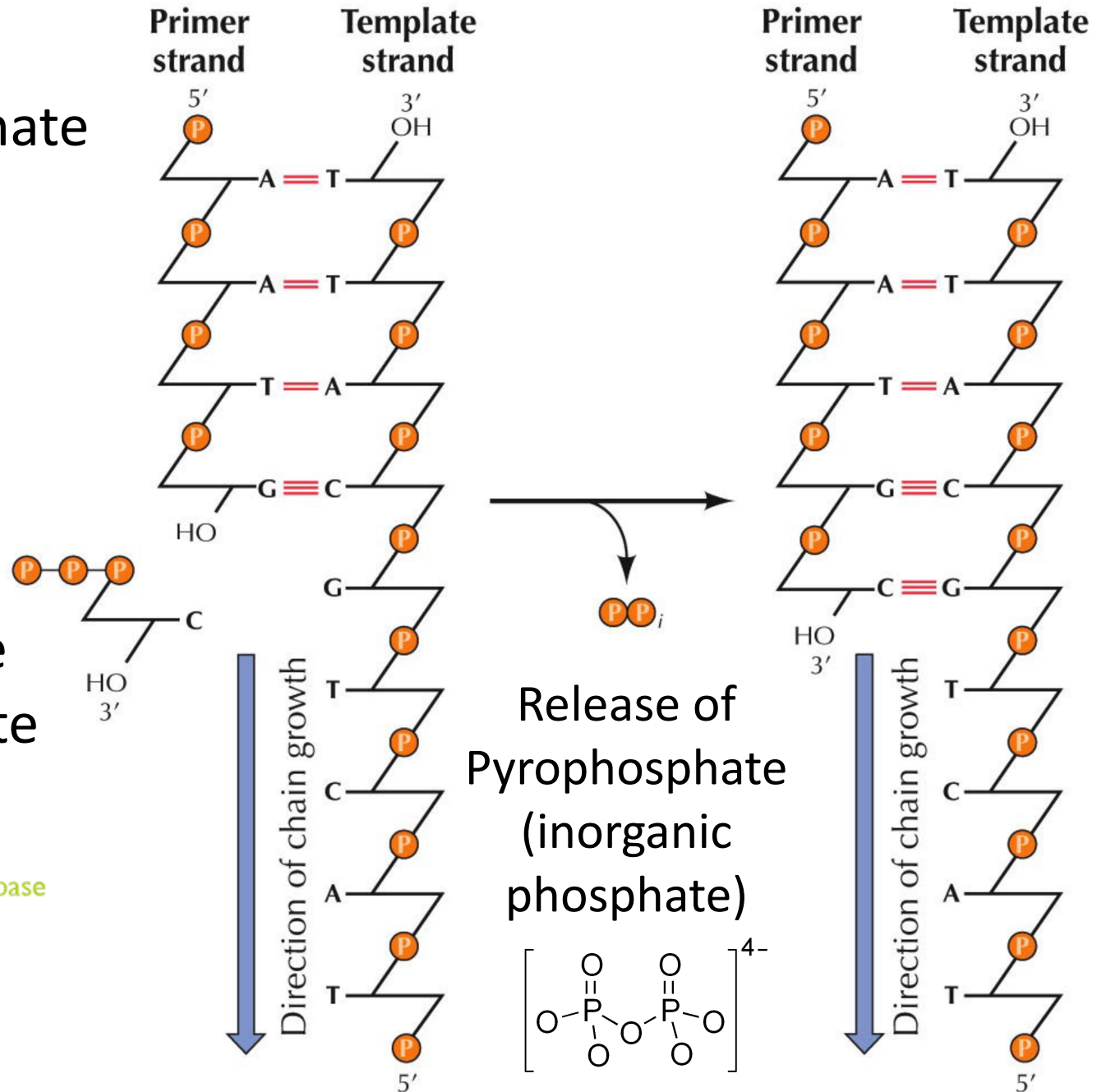
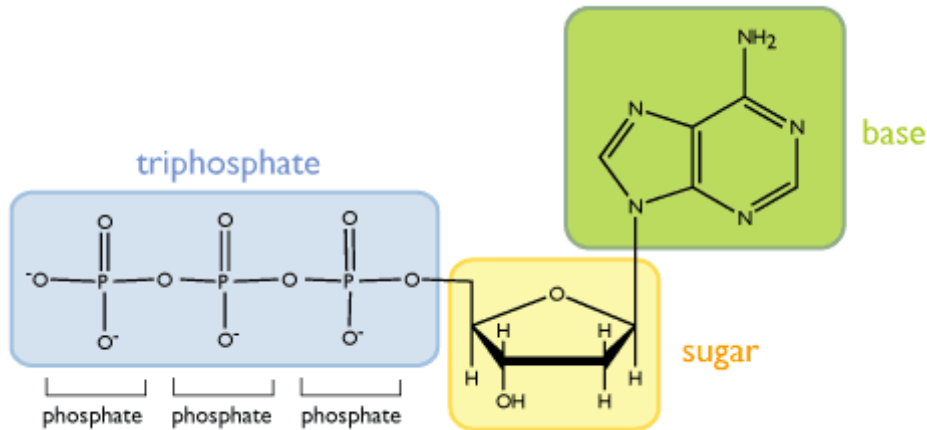
Incoming  
Nucleotide  
Triphosphate



5' Phosphate

3' Hydroxyl

Nucleotide triphosphate



# DNA Polymerase Beta (Pol $\beta$ )



## Mutations in Pol $\beta$ in Mice cause Lupus-Like Symptoms – Possible association with Lupus in People but still Unknown

- Autoimmune disease
- Fatigue
- Fever
- Joint pain, stiffness and swelling
- Butterfly-shaped rash on the face
- Skin lesions that appear or worsen with sun exposure
- Fingers and toes that turn white or blue when exposed to cold or during stressful periods
- Shortness of breath
- Chest pain
- Dry eyes
- Headaches, confusion and memory loss



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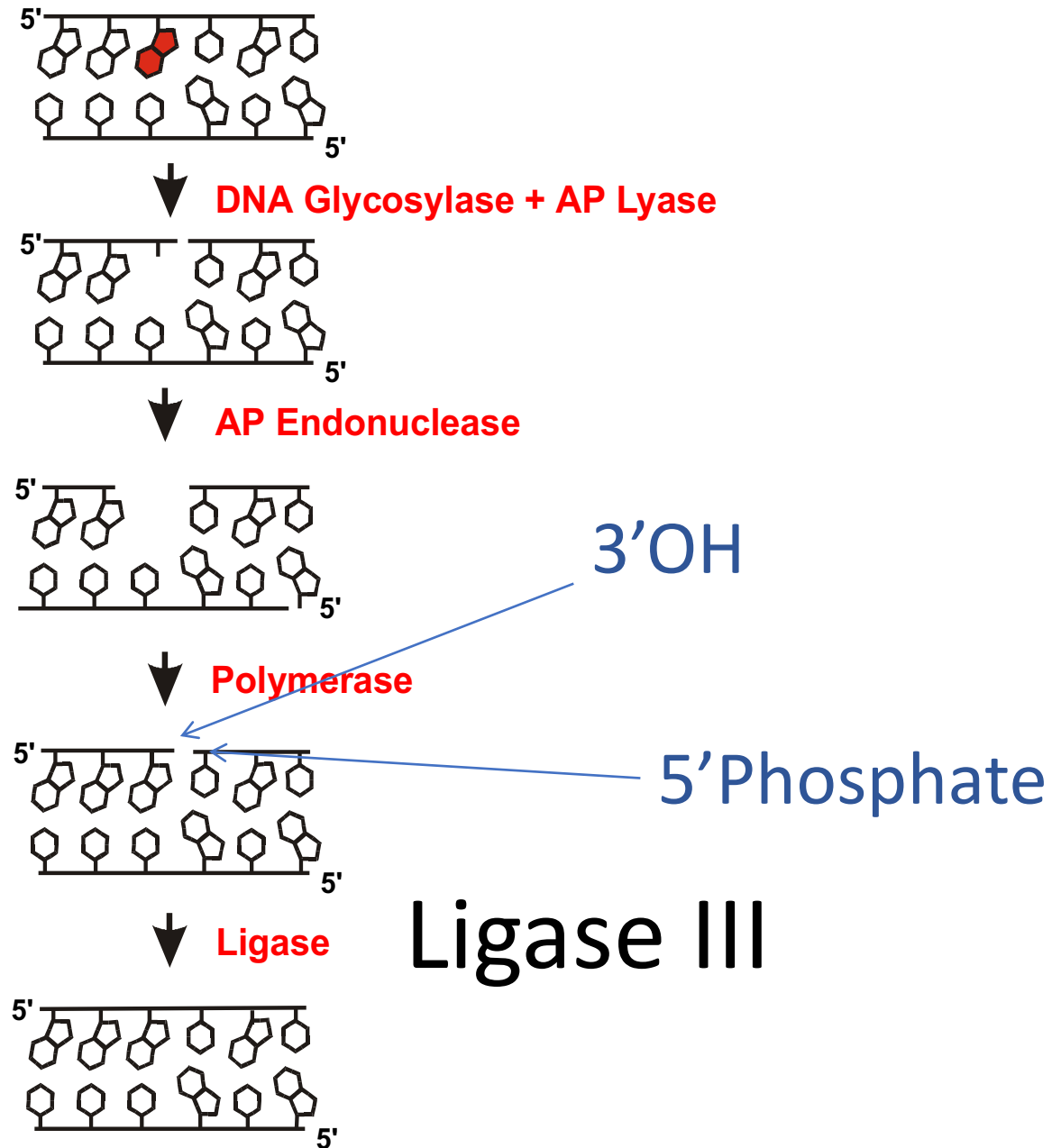
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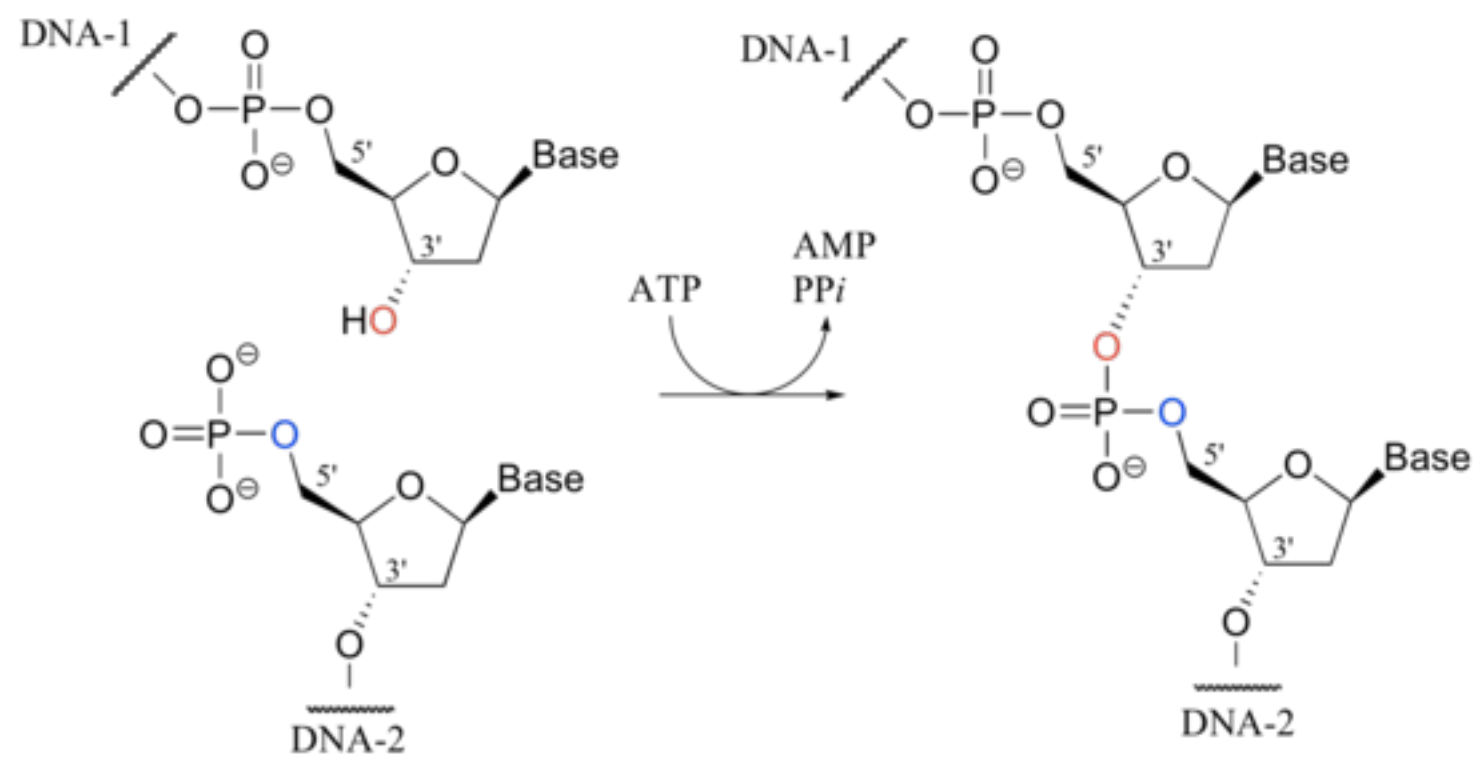


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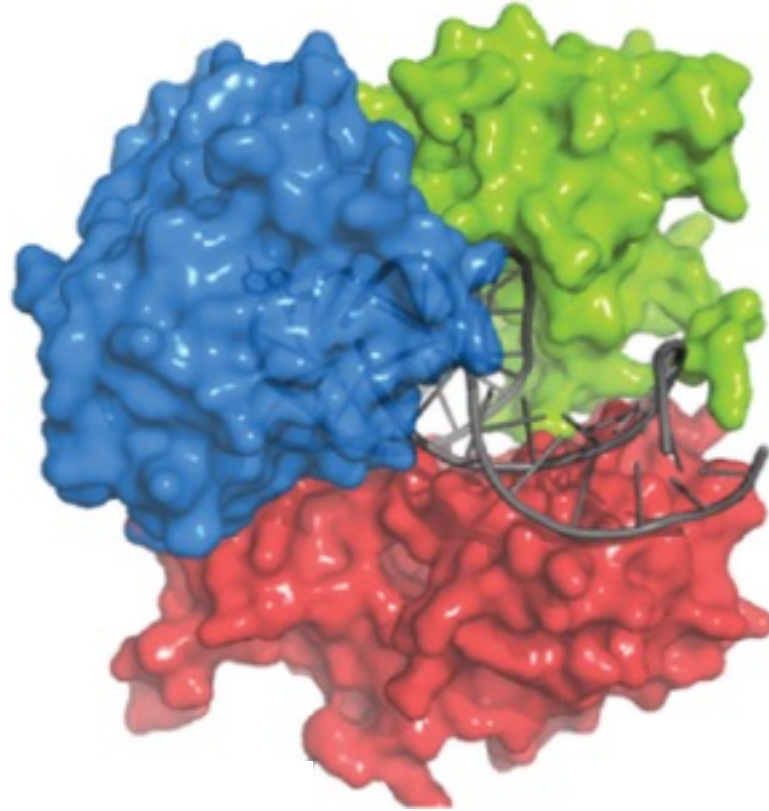
## DNA Ligase III

Seals the nick by  
linking the 3'OH  
with the  
5'Phosphate





# Ligase III



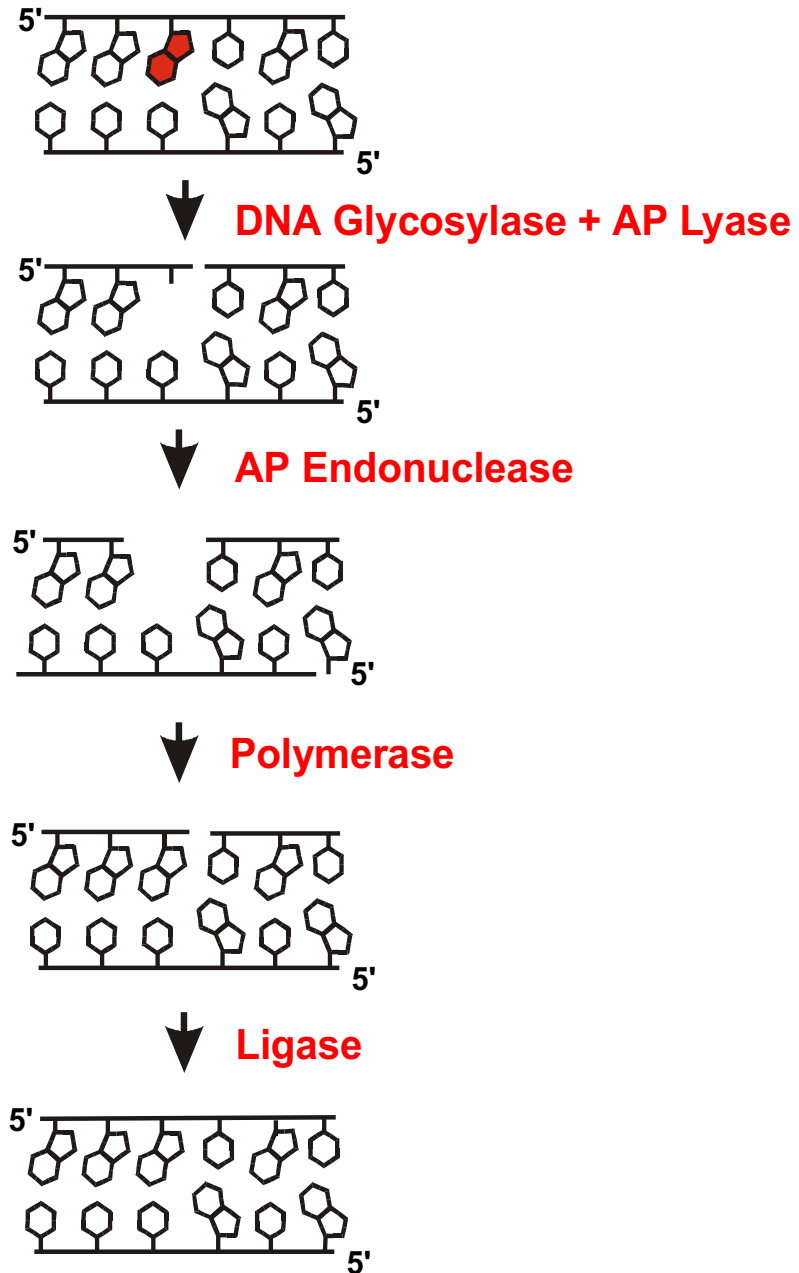
Pascali, O' Brien, Tomkinson, and Ellenberger, Nature 432: 473-478.

# Mutations in Ligase III can cause Bloom's Syndrome



- Autosomal recessive
- Growth retardation
- Butterfly rash
- Defective immune system
- Increased risk of cancer

# Base Excision Repair



Beautiful Pristine DNA!



PARP

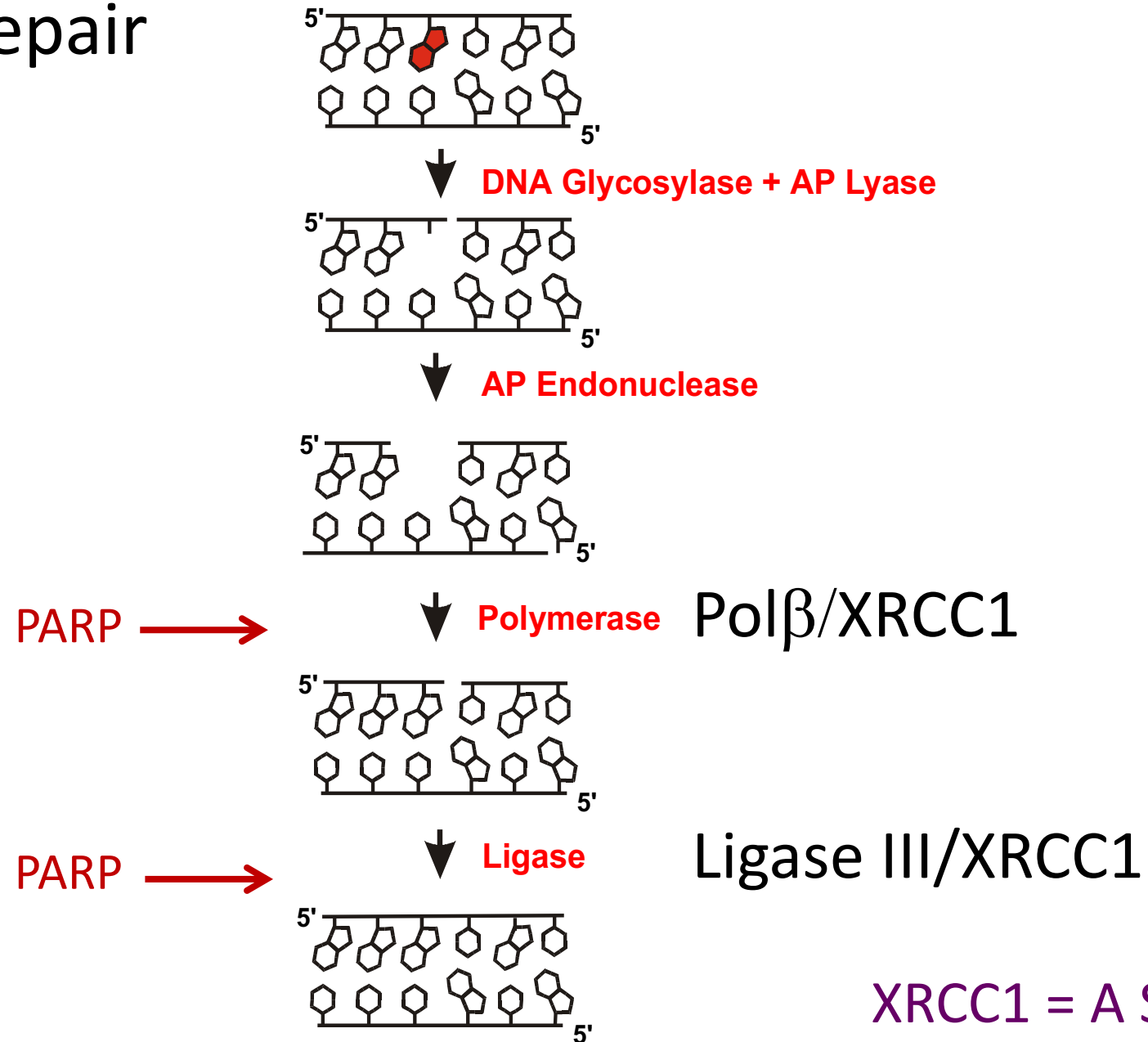
Poly(ADP-Ribose) Polymerase

PARP is a BER “Helper”

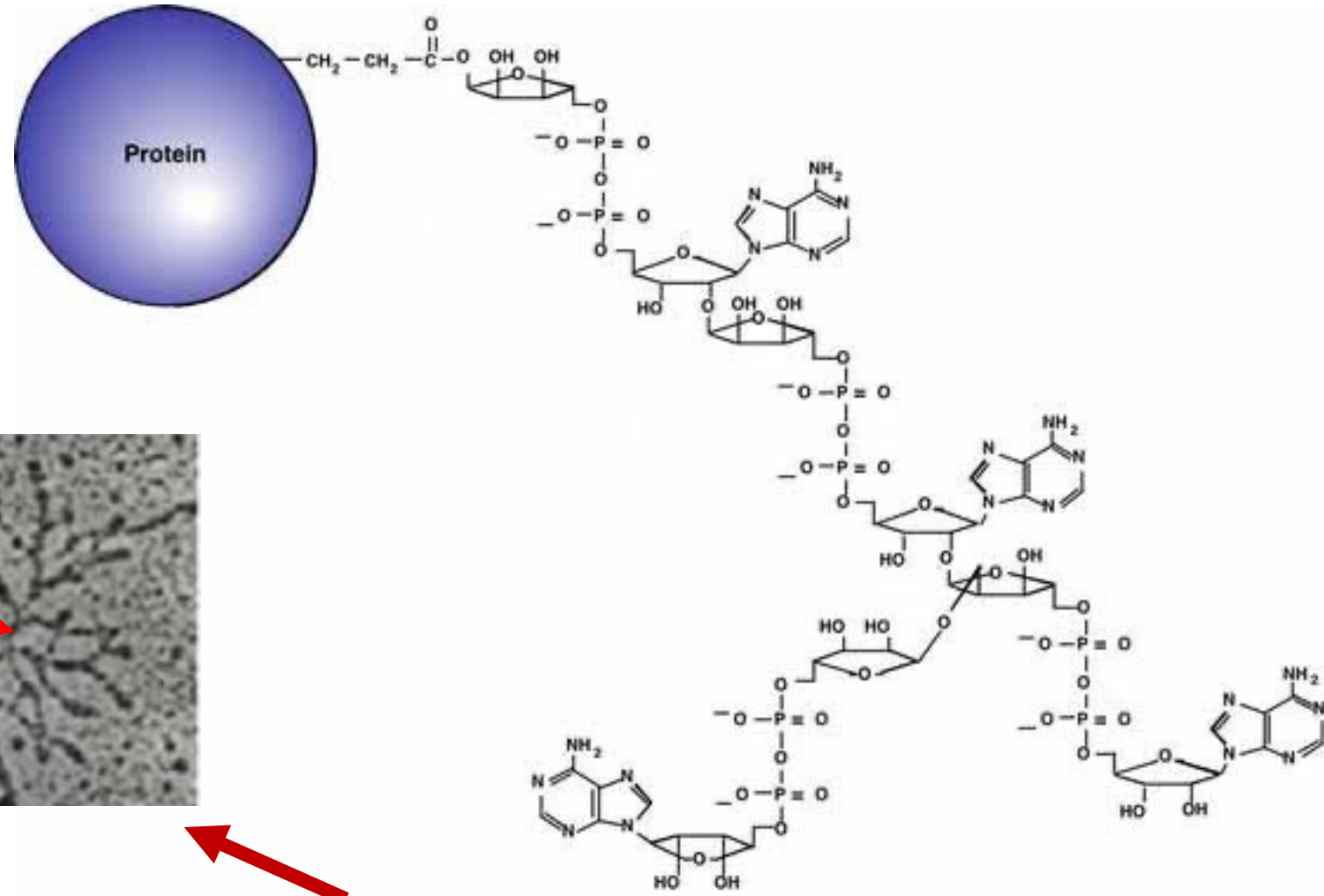
Accelerates BER



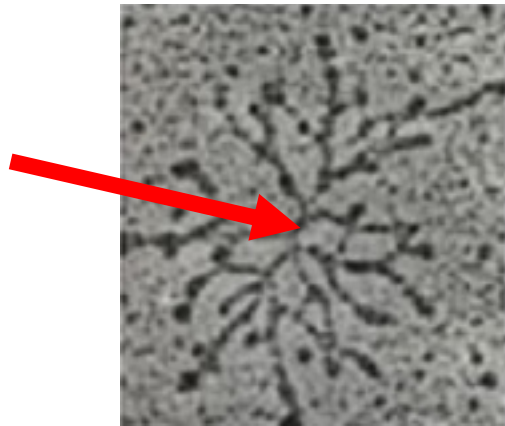
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# PARP Automodification Creates a Branched Structure

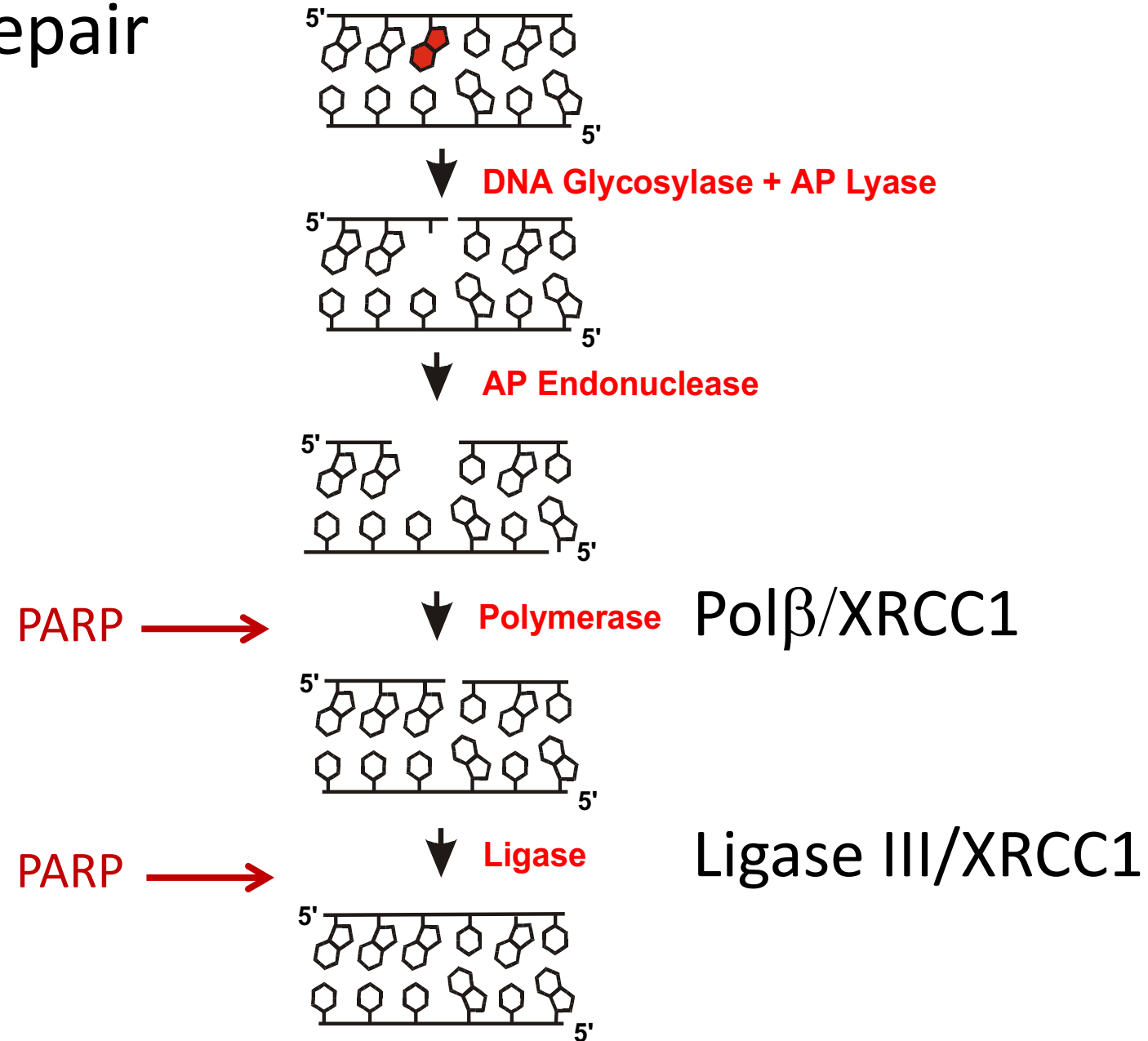


PARP is  
in the  
middle



Pol $\beta$ /XRCC1 Ligase III/XRCC1

# Base Excision Repair

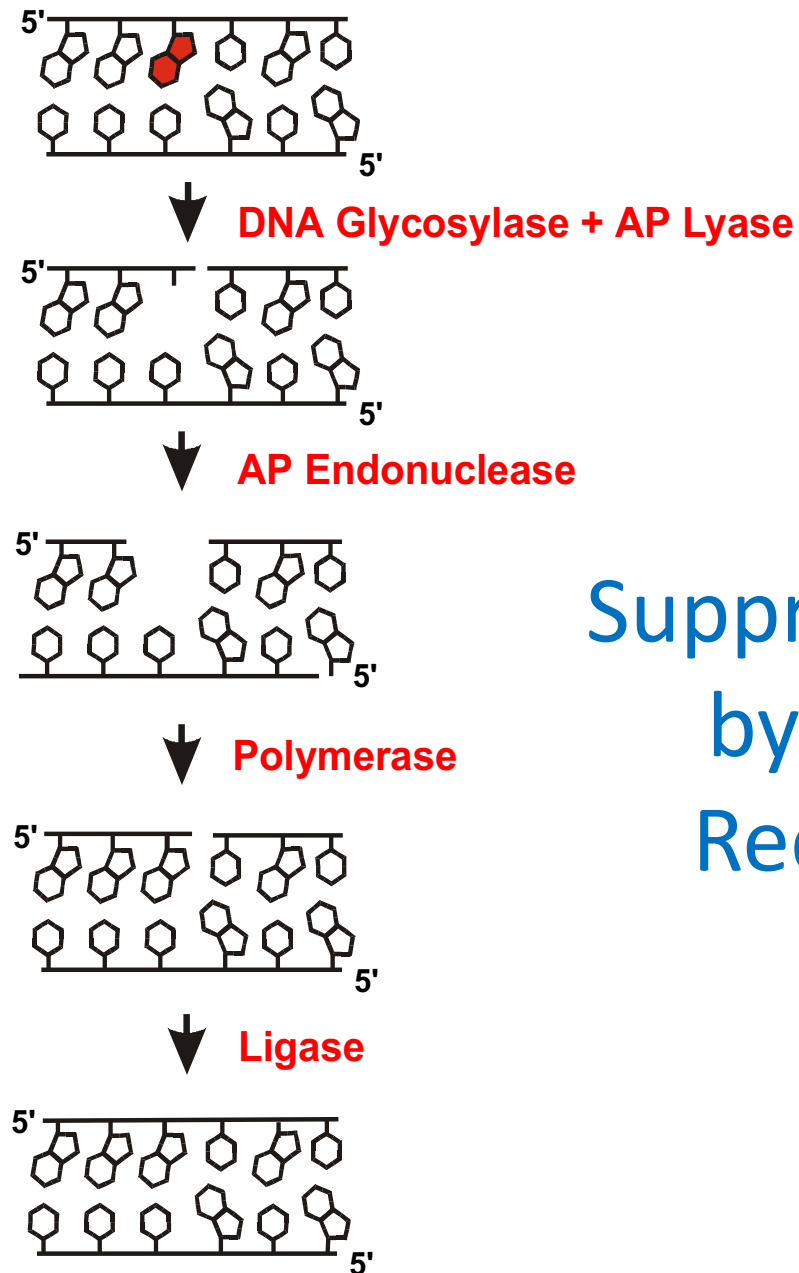


# As Inhibits SSB Repair

As displaces zinc, disrupting  
zinc fingers in PARP

As —| PARP →

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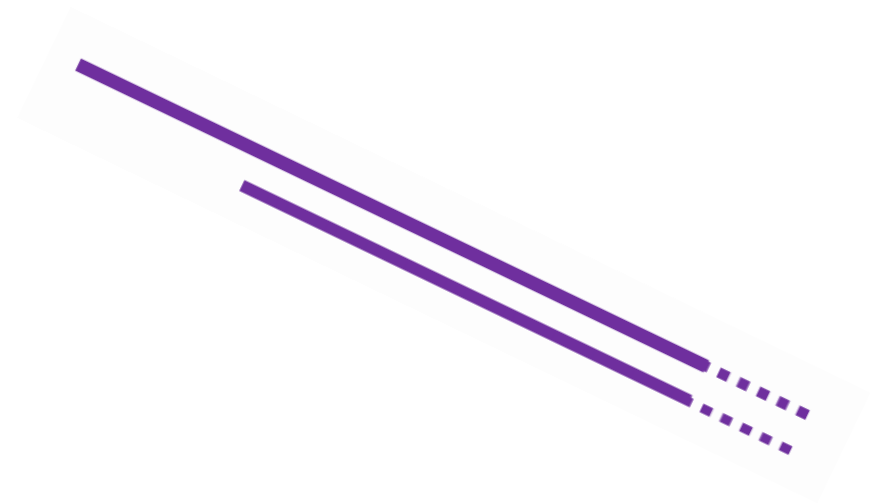


Suppression of PARP  
by As Reduces  
Recruitment of  
DNA  
Repair  
Proteins

As Inhibition of PARP leads to Increased Single Strand Breaks



Closely Opposed Single Strand Breaks lead to Double Strand Breaks



# Summary

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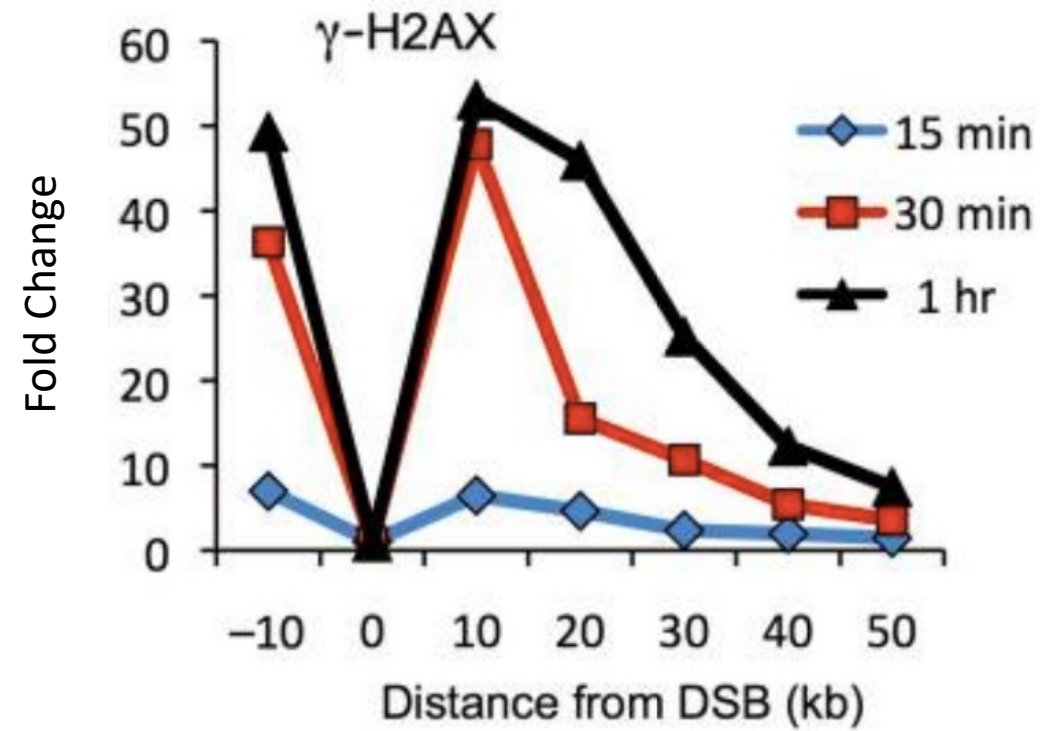
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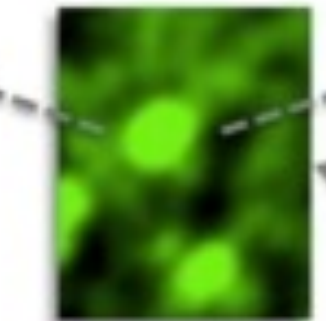
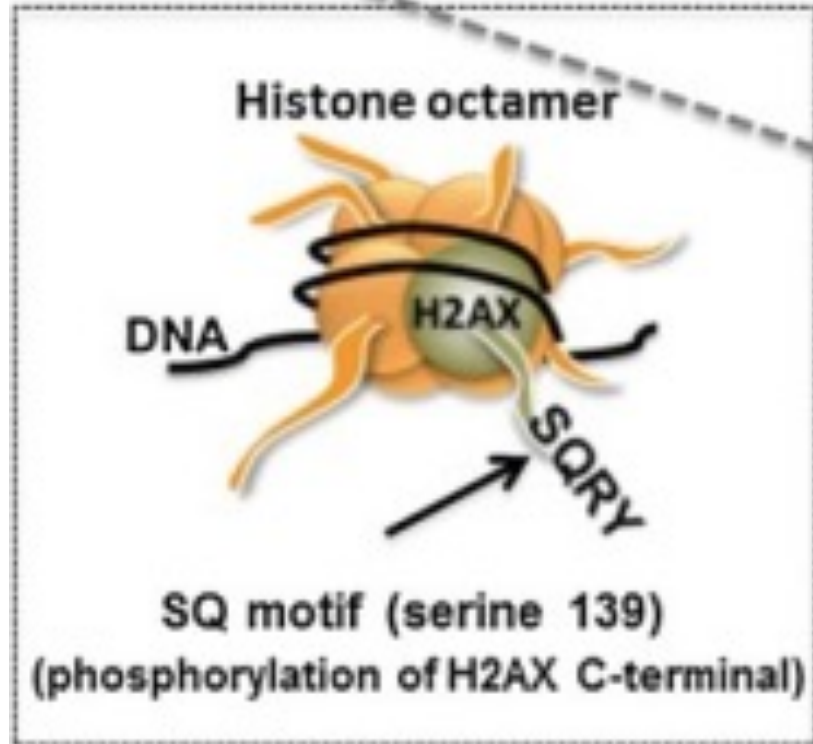
# Sensing DNA Damage with Antibodies



Study performed in *S. cerevisiae*

[http://www.nature.com/nsmb/journal/v21/n1/fig\\_tab/nsmb.2737\\_F1.html](http://www.nature.com/nsmb/journal/v21/n1/fig_tab/nsmb.2737_F1.html)

## Generation of DSBs



$\gamma$ -H2AX focus

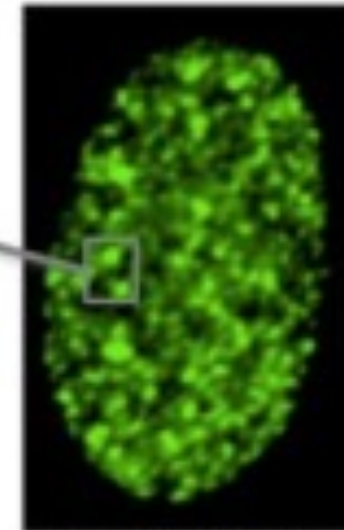
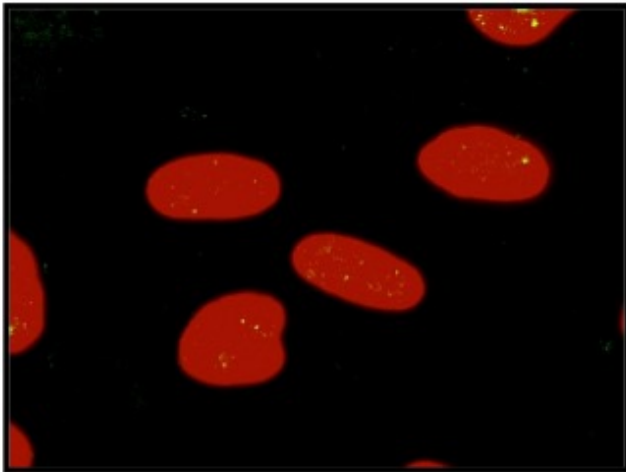


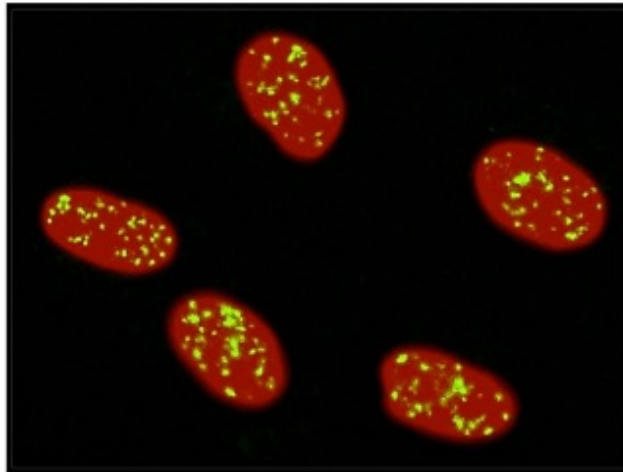
Image of immunofluorescence staining

# $\gamma$ H2AX for Low versus High LET radiation

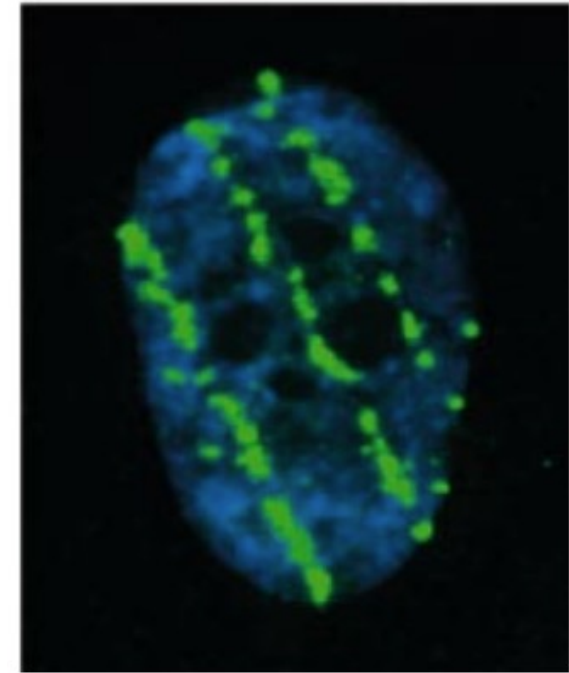
0 Gy



2 Gy

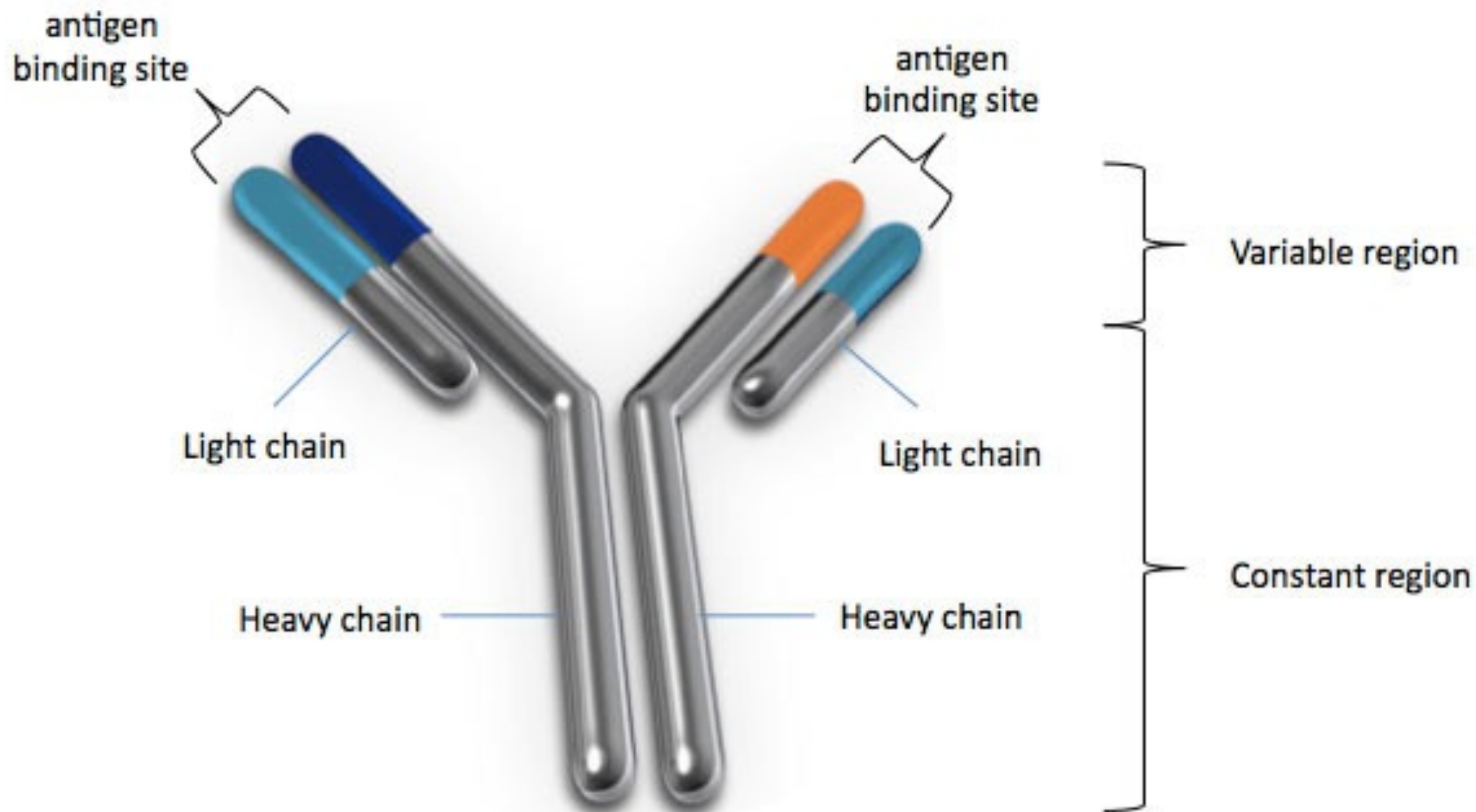


Low LET

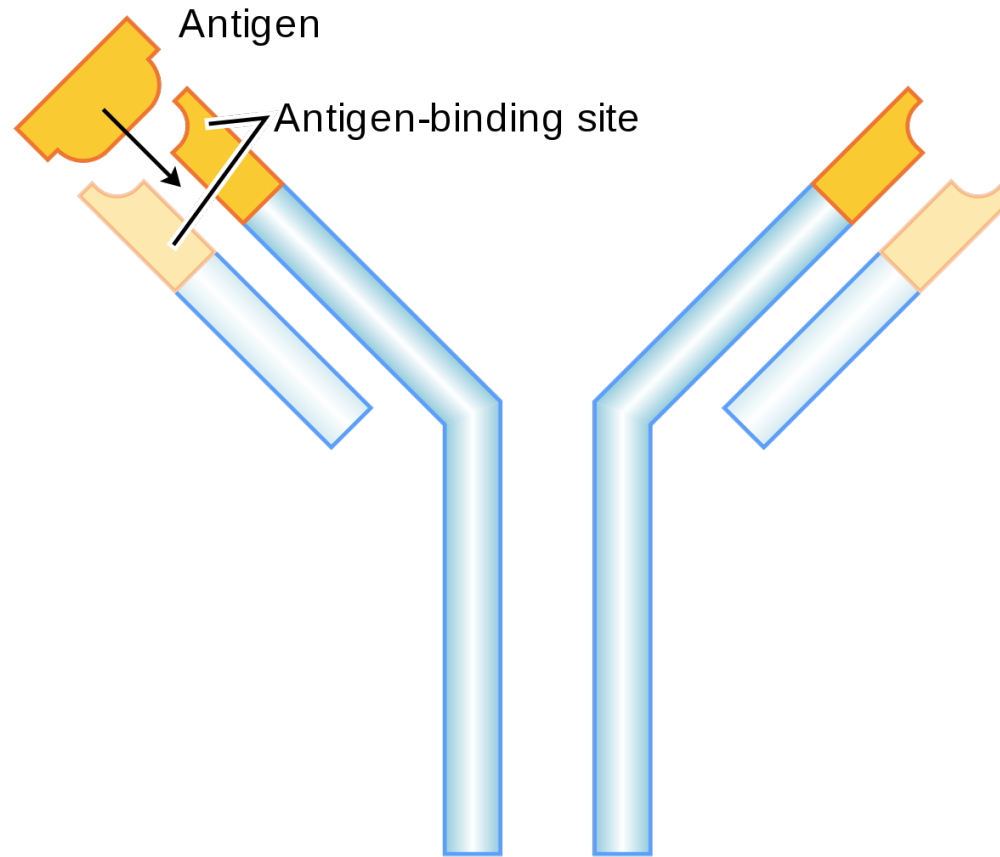
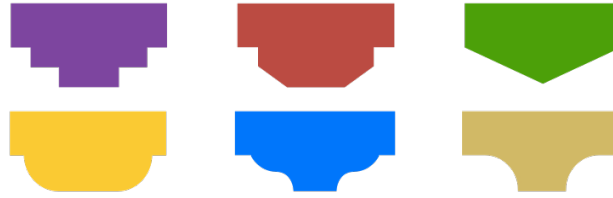


High LET

# Antibody Fundamentals

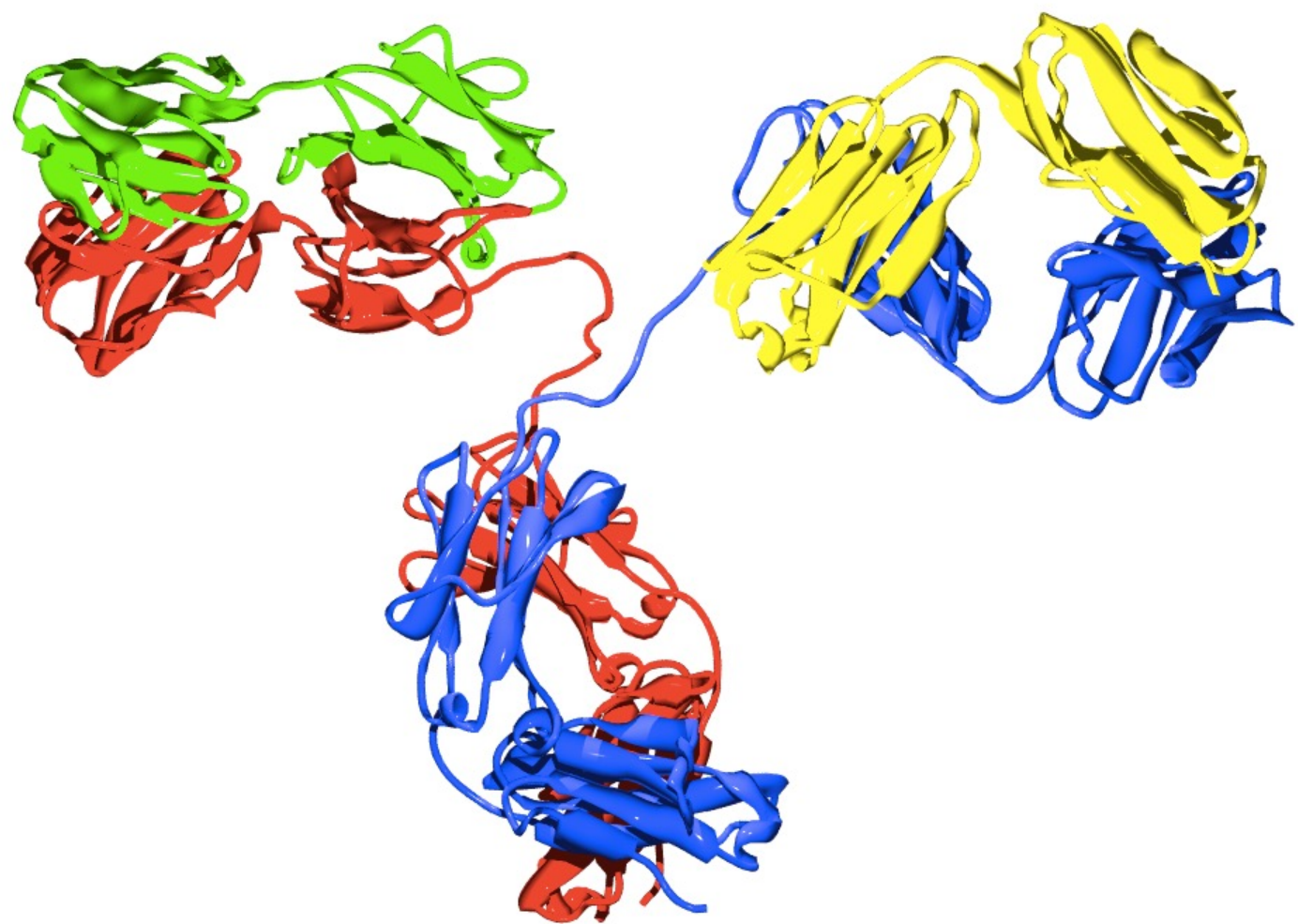


# Antigens

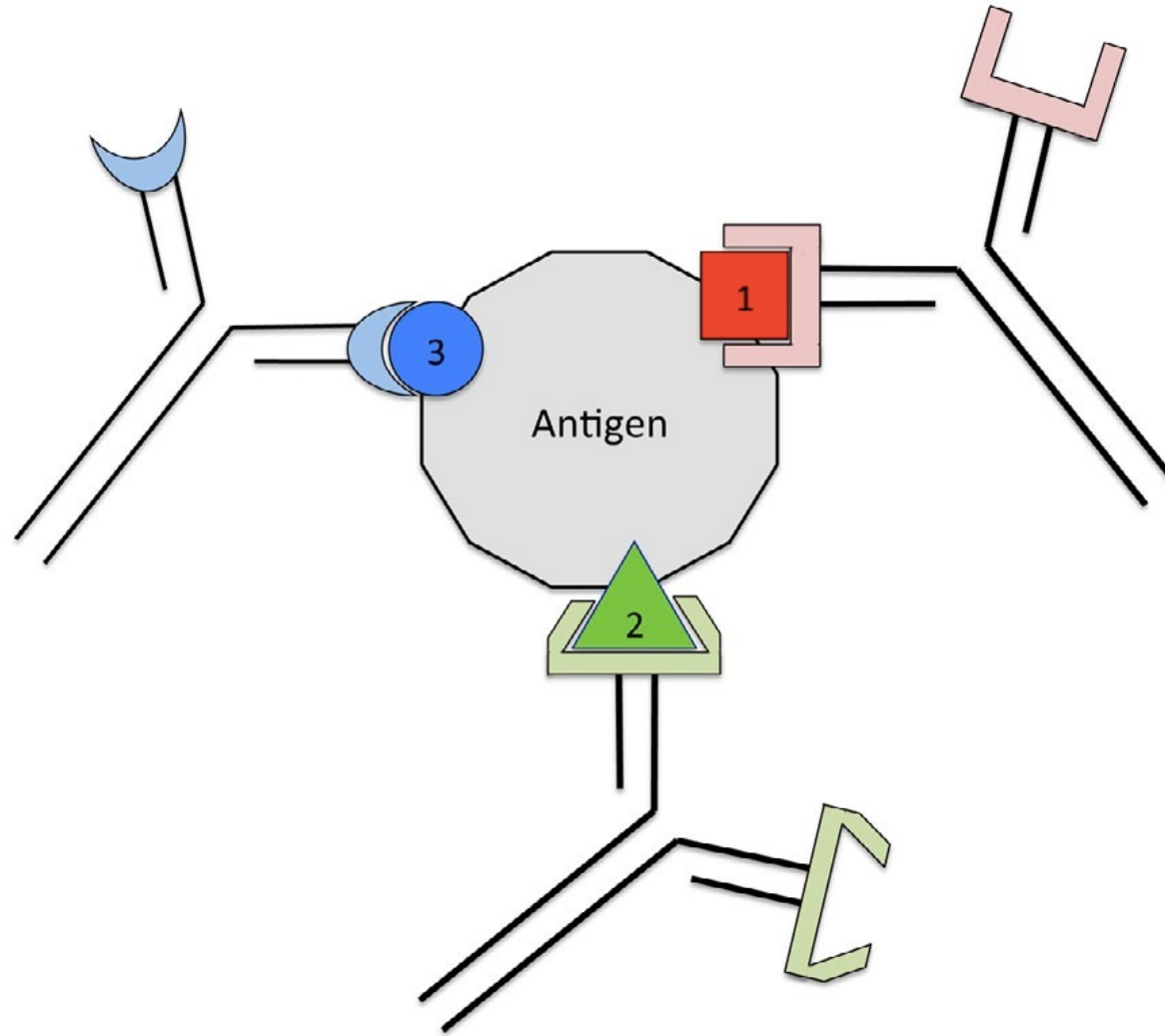


# Antibody





# Three Different Epitopes



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- H2AX gets phosphorylated when near DSBs to create  $\gamma$ H2AX
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